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THE DCM, THE CAO, AND THE SCIENCE OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY MET WITH JAMES ROWE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE (AAAS) TO DISCUSS INTERSCIENCIA AND ITS PLANS TO PUBLISH A TRILINGUAL HEMISPHERE SCIENCE MAGAZINE IN CARACAS. THE SCIENCE OFFICER ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH DR. SALVATORE PLUCHINO, THE SECRETARY TREASURER OF INTERSCIENCIA. INTERSCIENCIA SEEMS TO BE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY AND PLANS TO PUBLISH THE FIRST ISSUE OF ITS JOURNAL IN JUNE. THE EMBASSY IS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT BEING PROVIDED TO INTERSCIENCIA BY THE GOV (\$4,000 A YEAR), BRAZIL (25,000 A YEAR), AND MEXICO (\$16,000 A YEAR WITH A PROMISE OF LARGER SUMS IN THE FUTURE). GIVEN THIS DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT BY OTHER HEMISPHERE GOVERNMENTS AND THE REAL CONTRIBUTION THAT INTERSCIENCIA IS MAKING TO STRENGTHENING THE TIES BETWEEN SCIENTISTS IN THE HEMISPHERE, THIS EMBASSY FEELS THAT A USG CONTRUBUTION IS BOTH APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL AND URGES THAT THE AAAS REQUEST FOR AN AID GRANT OF \$50,000 BE APPROVED.

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